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SUMMARY. NASSER DEATH ANNIVERSARY SPEECH WAS AMONG LESS IMPORTANT
SADAT HAS DELIVERED. THERE WERE, HOWEVER, SEVERAL POINTS OF INTEREST,
INCLUDING CONCERN FOR SUPPLY SHORTAGES AND COST OF LIVING, APPARENT
DESIRE TO CONTINUE POLICY OF INTERNAL OPENNESS, THE RELATIONSHIP
OF ARAB OIL PRICING AND SUPPLY ISSUES TO CONSUMER NATIONS'
RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD ARABS, AND SENSE OF IMPATIENCE WITH
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ALLOW MOVEMENT ON SOLUTION TO ME CONFLICT. END SUMMARY.

1. SADAT'S SEPTEMBER 28 SPEECH ON OCCASION OF ANNIVERSARY OF NASSER'S DEATH GENERALLY PRAISED NASSER, BUT HELD NO SURPRISES AND INDICATED NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN EGYPTIAN POLICIES OR ACTIONS. IF ANYTHING IT WAS ANODYNE IN COMPARISON WITH ADDRESS GIVEN LAST YEAR ON SAME OCCASSION,AND IN OUR VIEW IT RANKS AMONG LESS IMPORTANT OS HIS SPEECHES. FOLLWING PARAGRAPHS DEAL WITH SPECIFIC ITEMS OF INTEREST.

2. SHORTAGES. SADAT SAID THAT EGYPT'S POLICY WAS ONE OF RECONSTRUCTION AS WELL AS PREPARATION FOR FUTURE HOSTILITIES (IF NECESSARY). HE CALLED ON EGYPTIANS TO SHOULDER THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES,

INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY, AND UNDERSTAND THAT HIGH COST OF LIVING WAS A WORLD PROBLEM WHICH THEY-AND THEIR OVERNMENT-WOULD HAVE TO SHARE. HE DID NOT ANNOUNCE MEASURE TO EAST THE PROBLEM.

3. INTERNAL OPENNESS. SADAT NOTED DEBATE ON MULTI-PARTY SYSTEM WHICH CONTINUES, AND SAID THIS SHOULD BE PERMITTED DESPITE FACT THAT SOME SEE FREE DISCUSSION AS A "DISTURBING" FACTOR. EGYPT WOULD NOT RETURN TO CLOSED POLITICAL SYSTEM, AND MOVEMENT WOULD CONTINUE TOWARD DEMOCRACY..

4. PURPOSE OF OCTOBER WAR. SADAT AVERRED THAT THE WORLD HAS NOT BEEN THE SAME SINCE OCTOBER, 1973. POLITICAL PURPOSE OF THE WAR, HE SAID, WAS TO SHOW THAT SMALLER COUNRIES CAN "BYPASS" THE NETWORK OF COMPLEX INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND RAPPROCHEMENT ACCORDS DEVELOPED TO AVOID CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE SUPERPOWERS. THEY CAN DECIDE THEIR OWN FATE AND CAN TAKE DECISIONS ON WAR BY THEMSELVES."

5. OIL AND WITHDRAWAL. SADAT SAID EUROPE AND THE US HAVE TIME AND AGAIN SUBMITTED TO HIGHER PRICES OF OIL AND THE REDUCTION OF IMPORTATION; THE DAYS OF GUNBOAT DIPLOMACY ARE PAST, AND NOW THE ARABS ARE EQUALS IN THE WORLD, BUT POWER IMPOSES (ON ARABS) RESPONSIBILITIES AS WELL AS RIGHTS. SADAT SAID THAT ZIONIST CAMPAING IS NOW ATTEMPTING TO PICTURE ARAB MONEY AS THE CAUSE OF ALL POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS FACED BY THE WORLD,
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BUT "THOSE WHO INVENTED THE LAW OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND HAVE NO RIGHT TO COMPLAIN WHEN THIS LAW WORKS AGAINST THEIR INTERESTS." THE ARABS, SADAT SAID, DO NOT SEEK TO DESTROY THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD'S ECONOMY, BUT " THE WORLD COMMUNITY MUST ALSO REALIZE ITS DUTY TOWARDS US ANDMUST JOIN US IN REMOVING THE INJUSTICES COMMITTED AGAINST US WITH THE LEAST BLOODSHED."

6. PALESTINIANS. SADAT GAVE CONSIDERABLE TIME TO PALESTINIAN ISSUE, AND STATED THAT EGYPTIAN POLICY IS ATTEMPTING TO ACHIEVE SETTLEMENT ON BASIS OF RECOGNATION OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, AND THE PLO

"AS THEIR LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE". THE PLO IS A PARTY WITH WHOM
DIALOGUE MUST BE CONDUCTED.

7. IMPATIENCE. SADAT SAID THAT, IN THE END, EGYPT MUST WEIGH ITS
FRIENDSHIP WITH SOME AGAINST THE SUPPORT OTHER FOR EGYPT'S
RIGHTFUL DUE. THERE WILL, HE SAID, BE NO RETURN TO NO-PEACE-NO WAR
SITUATION PREVAILING BEFORE OCTOBER WAR--" AND ITS IS REGRETTABLE
THAT MANY POWERS IN THE WORLD MISUNDERSTOOD THIS PATIENCE. THE
LESSON OF OCTOBER MAY BE HELPFUL IN NOT PERMITTING ANYONE TO
MISUNDERSTAND OUR PATIENCE AGAIN.
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